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HUNGARY AND POLAND

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1. SUMMARY - SOVIET FIVE-YEAR (1976-1980) PLAN COORDINATION PROTOCOLS WITH HUNGARY AND POLAND HAVE BEEN REPORTED COMPLETE AND READY FOR SIGNATURE SINCE EARLY AUGUST. ALTHOUGH ANNOUNCEMENT OF SIGNING OF POLISH-SOVIET PROTOCOL WAS EXPECTED DURING RECENT TWO-DAY VISIT OF SOVIET PREMIER KOYSGIN TO PLAND, ONLY INDICATIONS OF SIGNATURE ARE IN OBLIQUE REFERENCES IN AUGUST 12 SPEECHES BY KOSYGIN AND CONFIDENTIAL

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POLISH PRIME MINISTER JAROSZEWICZ. KOSYGIN ALSO SPOKE OF

EXTENSIVE POSSIBILITIES FOR LARGE-SCALE POLISH-SOVIET ECONOMIC COLLABORATION AND MENTIONED SOVIET DELIVERIES OF ENERGY AND INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIALS TO POLAND. END SUMMARY

- 2. EMBASSY ADVISED AUGUST 12 BY USUALLY WELL-INFORMED SOVIET SOURCE THAT FIVE-YEAR PLAN COORDINATION PROTOCOLS BETWEEN USSR AND POLAND AND USSR AND HUNGARY ARE NOW COMPLETED AND READY FOR SIGNATURE. PROTOCOLS ARE SIMILAR TO SOVIET-GDR PROTOCOL SIGNED IN MOSCOW JULY 26. SOURCE SAID THAT INTER ALIA PROTOCOLS WILL, RESPECTIVELY, CALL FOR APPROXIMATELY 56 PERCENT INCREASE IN TWO-WAY SOVIET-POLICH TRADE DURING PERIOD 1976-1980, AND 40 PERCENT INCREASE IN SOVIET-HUNGARIAN TRADE. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY OFFICER'S QUESTION, SOURCE SAID THAT PROJECTED INCREASE FOR POLAND IS LARGER BECAUSE "POLAND HAS A BROADER INDUSTRIAL BASE THAN GDR."
- 3. COMMENT POLISH EMBASSY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, IN CONVERSATION AUGUST 8. INDICATED THAT ALL NEGOTIATIONS FOR PLAN-COORDINATION PROTOCOL HAD BEEN COMPLETED BY END OF JULY AND THAT SIGNATURE WAS EXPECTED "WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS." ACCORDINGLY, WE HAD EXPECTED FROMAL ANNOUNCE-MENT OF SIGNATURE DURING RECENT TWO-DAY VISIT OF KOSYGIN TO POLAND. INSTEAD, AND CURIOUSLY, THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY OBLIQUE REFERENCES IN PRESS REPORTS OF KOSYGIN VISIT. TASS REPORT OF JAROSZEWICZ SPEECH IN WARSAW AUGUST 12 NOTES HIS EXPRESSION OF "DEEP SATISFACTION WITH FACT OF SIGNATURE OF PROTOCOL ON COORDINATION OF ECONOMIC PLANS OF POLAND AND USSR FOR 1976-1980". REPORT OF ANSWERING SPEECH BY KOSYGIN INCLUDES WORDING THAT "ONE MORE STEP IN COURSE OF STRENGTHENING TIES BETWEEN SOVIET UNION AND POLAND WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN RECENT DAYS WHEN WORK WAS COMPLETED ON COORDINATION OF NATIONAL ECONOMIC PLANS OF OUR COUNTRIES FOR 1976-1980". KOSYGIN ALSO SPOKE AT LENGTH ON VARIOUS FORMS OF POLISH-SOVIET ECONOMIC INTEGRATION INCLUDING "HUGE JOINT PROJECTS, WHICH PRE-SUPPOSE AMALGAMATION OF MATERIAL, FINANCIAL AND LABOR RESOURCES," AND MENTIONES SOVIET DELIVERIES TO PLAND OF A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC CONFIDENTIAL.

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INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIALS AS WELL AS OIL AND NATURAL GAS.

4. EMBASSY WARSAW MAY HAVE SOME EXPLANATION FOR ABSENCE OF FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF SIGNATURE OF PROTOCOL, ALTHOUGH IT MAY SIMPLY BE MATTER OF DELAY IN TIMING. WE HAVE ALSO HEARD RUMOR THAT KOSYGIN'S VISIT TO POLAND HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN EXPECTED TO BE VACATION TRIP AND

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